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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GLYCEROL BY RECOMBINANT ORGANISMS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action, mailed 26 September 2003, under a certificate of mailing and outside the shortened statutory period. It is accompanied by a Petition for and extension of time in which to answer and authorization for the appropriate fee. Please enter the amendments to the specification (beginning on page 2), the amendments to the claims (beginning on page 3), and the Remarks (beginning on page 8), and consider the application on its merits.